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## Barry Takes Over Editor's Task On Academy Annual

Because of a heavy class schedule which he now is carrying since his transfer to the college, James Dobe has relinquished his editorship of the Academy annual, Twin Towers, to Stephan Barry, senior. The announcement was made at a recent staff meeting.

Two meetings of the staff, conducted by the Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., and Cletus Kern, C.P.P.S., faculty advisors, for the purpose of the actual planning of the annual were held Friday, March 3, and Sunday March 5.

Various matters were discussed, including cover design, dedication pictures, and arrangement of material. Stories were assigned to the individual editors, to be completed and handed in to Steve Barry March 12. All material must be submitted to the printers by April 1. It should be back for distribution May 1.

Despite the difficulty of raising the required amount of money for publication, the book will be published this year, it was announced. The fourth and final fund-drive is now underway, with total receipts now at \$380. Five hundred is needed.

For an office, the staff chose the empty room adjacent to the book store supply room.

## Paul Tonner, B.Mus., Prepares Organ Gems

Gems of Masterworks for the Organ, a collection of selections from such composers as Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Franck, Handel, Tsychaikowsky, Chopin and Litz, has been compiled and arranged by Professor Paul Tonner, B.Mus., professor of music, band and orchestra director, and organist at St. Joseph's.

Of the work, the Feb. issue of Etude, states: "If the advance sales so far are any indication, there are thousands of organists awaiting the publication of this fine collection."

When preparing the collection, Professor Tonner had in mind the small, two manual organs, which are numerous in homes, churches, school auditoriums, lodge halls, and today, in many chapels and recreation centers of service camps.

## Fellows, Dip Pens! There's Money In Writing Contests

By BILL SCHENK

Pen, ink and paper—with a few of your own ideas—may be worth some solid cash to you soon. The Alumni Essay and Mary J. Pursley Creative writing contests are around the corner. In fact, April 15 is the deadline.

As for the Alumni Essay contest, perhaps you have a biographical sketch you wrote for history, or a term paper. Couldn't these be rewritten into a presentable essay?

Or perhaps you prefer science. That field is wide open. From Einstein's Theory of Relativity down to "Why birds go South in the Summer" there are subjects enough to suit millions of young writers.

If you think you have enough science in class, what about sports? There are plenty of subjects in this field for factual essays. Of course, you can't just give facts, for a lot of people know them already; but how about putting a few of them together to prove one of your pet theories?

## "Sittin' Pretty," Newman Club Play, Amuses Theatre-Goers

Comedy trickled in one door of a haunted house and out another for about two hours last Monday evening, March 6, in the College Theatre, as the Academy Newman Club, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Paul Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., moderator enacted Claudia Harris' amusing little comedy, "Sittin' Pretty."

Theatre-goers thoroughly enjoyed the play, too, as they sat back in their seats and laughed heartily at the humorous little remarks and happenings of the Newman players who, by acting as a group of boys naturally would act in a haunted house, left their desired impression.

Bolka, McDevitt Good

Those two fellows, Joe Bolka and Dick McDevitt, as the two soft-hearted "dealers in hostages," chatted back and forth on the stage as if they were lounging in the J cafe or in the clubrooms (except that their diction was worse); in so doing, they kept the audience in stitches.

Earl Redden, who consistently does a fine job of acting, was exceptionally good in his difficult role of Willie Murphy, the little gold-studded kid who loved to be kidnapped, and who was smart enough to pull fast ones on everybody, including the cops.

William Hawkrigg, as Clayt Holmes, and the two Irish coppers, John Deegan and Steve Barry (Irish brogue and all), are among those who deserve special mention.

The play wasn't serious. It required no deep concentration to follow. Rather it was a light, sufficiently involved story of a group of boys spending an eventful night in a haunted house, which also happened to be a hideout for kidnappers.

Under the direction of Professor Paul Tonner, B.Mus., the college orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner," "Lustspiel Overture," "Selection From Carmen," and the "College Banner Song."

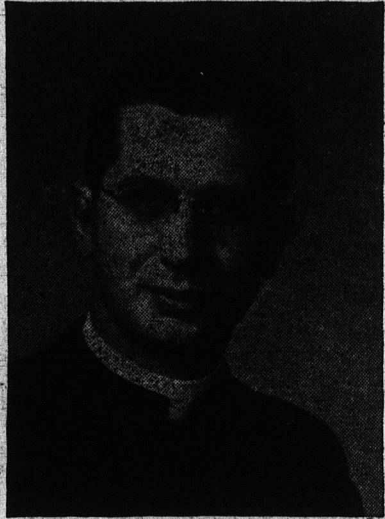
## Rev. Aloys Dirksen, College President, Delivers Sermons

The Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., President of the college, will conduct a "Day of Recollection" for the Catholic Youth Organization of the Gary Deanery on March 26.

To a study group of Christ the King church of Chicago, Ill. Father Dirksen, on March 5, gave a talk on the scriptures. He also has been conducting the weekly Lenten devotions in Rensselaer.

## REV. R. GROSS COMPILES WORK OF ESSAYS

A Century of the Catholic Essay is the tentative title of a volume which the Rev. Raphael H. Gross, C.P.P.S., M.A., '32, has just completed for printing. Arranged both as to themes and to types it purposes to trace the development of the Catholic essay



from Newman to the present active writers of this form of literature.

The book when printed is not intended to be a text-book. Rather it is a collection of forty-five essays by eminent Catholic writers to be used for collateral reading during a study of the essay or as illustrative material for a course in Catholic Literature. Father Gross has contributed a preface, and short biographical notes on each of the essayists whose writings appear.

Father Gross, now teaching American and Catholic literature and sophomore religion at St. Joseph's, received his M. A. degree in English from the University of Michigan in 1941.

## Chaplain G. Esser Enjoys Leave Here

Enjoying a leave from Camp Phillips, Kansas, Major Gilbert F. Esser, C.P.P.S., assistant chaplain of the 79th Division and former professor at St. Joseph's College, visited his brother, the Rev. Rufus Esser, C.P.P.S., professor of English at St. Joseph's, and the other faculty members on the campus recently.

Accompanied by his brother Major Esser also visited his sister, Sister Edmunda, C.P.P.S., at Burkettsville, Ohio, and lectured to the seminarians at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio.

While here he gave an interesting talk to the community students on the duties and experiences of an Army Chaplain.

## Rev. Edward Maziarz Lectures To Faculty

Continuing the Science Seminar lecture series, St. Joseph's scientist-philosopher, the Rev. Edward Maziarz, C.P.P.S., presented a talk, "Some Theories on the Foundation of Mathematics," on March 1 to the faculty members.

Father Maziarz presented both mathematical and philosophical theories, culminating with a combination of the two.

Following the lecture, an open discussion developed between the scientists and philosophers on the truth of mathematics, and also Euclidian and non-Euclidian geometry.

The Rev. Carl F. Nieset, C.P.P.S., professor of Geology, is next on the series, scheduled for March 15.

# College Installing X-Ray Laboratory

## Outfit Will Be An Asset In Science Demonstration, Research, Health Service

As a valuable asset in the fields of physics, physical chemistry, biology and geology demonstrations and for use in connection with the college Health Service, an elaborate X-Ray laboratory is being installed at St. Joseph's in the former Publications Office in Science Hall, near the physics laboratories and college Photo Shop.

## Science Students Perplexed With Indefinite Status

When the War Manpower Commission recently announced that all educational deferments were to be reviewed immediately, the impact of the sudden announcement was felt by science students at St. Joseph's College, particularly those in the field of pre-med.

Most recent to be reclassified 1-A is Joseph Wolford, junior pre-med. His reclassification followed in the footsteps of those of Robert Stine-man and Charles Callahan, both of whom are now home awaiting induction.

At present in an indefinite status is Thomas Burger, pre-med, who is awaiting acceptance to a medical school. Norman Kerchner, pre-med, received a renewal of his deferment, good now until Sept. 1.

According to the new quota regulations—under which pre-med students do not fall—St. Joseph's is entitled to four chemistry and one geology deferments. This allotment for the college was announced sometime ago, after the college had filled out a questionnaire concerning the number of students registered in the different fields of science at that time. From this questionnaire 10,000 deferments throughout the country were allotted.

Although Al Prosser, junior chemistry major, and Chester Scrabacz, junior geology major, were entitled to deferments in chemistry and geology, respectively, they were recently reclassified 1-A. At present both are awaiting an answer to their dilemma from the War Manpower Commission.

Wolford is still in college, awaiting word from his draft board concerning an extension which would permit him to receive credit for this semester.

Included in the compact laboratory are a 200 kilovolt generator, a control cabinet, an auxiliary tube stand and an X-Ray table, which is completely outfitted for fluoroscopy and pictures. A stereoscope will be procured in the near future.

## Valuable Equipment

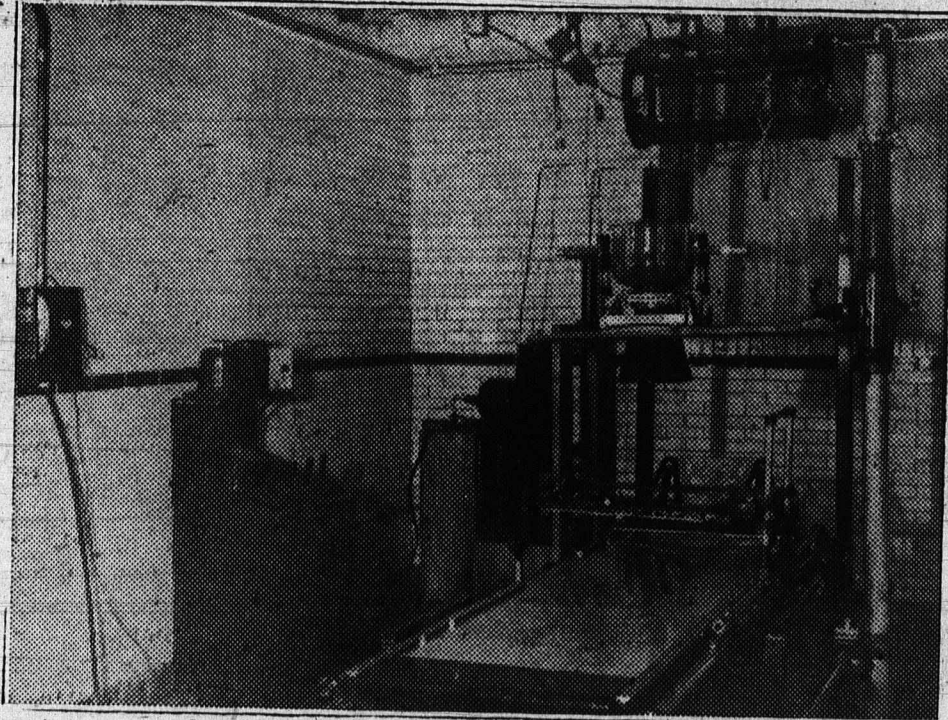
The equipment, except the table, was manufactured by the Standard X-Ray Company of Chicago. If it could be purchased at all new today, it would cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Through the alertness of the Rev. Christian Staab, C.P.P.S., formerly of the college faculty and now teaching science at Central Catholic High School, in Fort Wayne, it was obtained by Mr. A. W. Zimmerman of Fort Wayne at a greatly reduced price.

Mr. Zimmerman, a pioneer in X-Ray, has spent thirty-five years in the field. A member of the teaching staff at Illinois University, he is engaged in research there and elsewhere. He has visited the campus twice already and will return soon again. As the equipment is being installed, the outfit is being completely reconditioned, and any damaged parts are being replaced.

Brothers Help  
Much credit for the compactness and neatness of the laboratory is due to Brother Joseph Minch, C.P.P.S., college plumber, for installing the plumbing fixtures, and to the Rev. Edmund Guillozet, C.P.P.S., and Brother Fred Boechtel, C.P.P.S., college carpenters, for the fine carpentry they have done in making cabinets, shades, and other fixtures. During this past month or better the former STUFF office has been a beehive of activity in connection with the new laboratory.

The college Photo Shop has been fitted with a large developing tank for the X-Ray pictures. The dark room facilities there are now much improved.

When the X-Ray laboratory opens in the near future, St. Joseph's will not only be prepared for research in this field, but also will be able to offer a decided advantage to physics and pre-med students by way of demonstration of the principles of X-Ray.



Above is a view of the recently acquired X-Ray equipment, presently being installed in the former publications office in Science Hall.

## Campbell, Printer, Passes Physical

Just when the problems connected with printing STUFF and Contact seemed solved, Uncle Sam called our printer, Bill Campbell (father of three children), to Indianapolis for his Army physical.

Bill passed the test successfully and now is in the Army. How soon he will have to report for active duty at present is uncertain.

## Rev. Anthony Gamble Arrives On Campus

To St. Joseph's College to act as assistant librarian and carry courses toward a degree in modern languages, comes the Rev. Anthony Gamble, C.P.P.S., after a year's parish work in Detroit, Mich.

After completing his studies here, Father Gamble will take a course in Library Science at some university, as yet undecided.



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## POLICY

(1) To constantly urge prayer and work in the hope of a lasting, early World Peace.

(2) To make every effort to keep campus reading and campus speech clean.

(3) To promote frequent attendance at Mass, the Sacraments, and evening Benediction.

**THE LENTEN SEASON** is well underway. Thus far, St. Joseph's students deserve compliment for the proper Lenten spirit they have been showing. Daily Mass and evening Benediction have been well attended. And many of the students have been practising little self-denials. On the whole, the spirit shown has been inspiring.

Yet, Lent is not over. From now until the end we will face our greatest test, for the "newness" has worn off. It is not so difficult to give up something or do something extra for a short period; but it is extremely trying to persevere in these practices for a longer period, such as Lent is. Human nature remains human even when we attempt to reach into the spiritual. By our perseverance until the end, however, we can prove ourselves true Catholics and real men.

What is the purpose of the Church in prescribing penance during this solemn season? Her purpose is not without purpose. The body must submit to penance for the part it has taken in sin. Otherwise, disorders of self-indulgence creep into our private life, then flow into domestic, social, and business life. The Church fully realizes that the trouble must be solved at the very outset. She recognizes that the soul must conquer the body early, for sin brings disorder.

When we view and wonder at this world full of disorder, the beauty and intensity of the Church in her Lenten exhortations—under pain of sin—assume an even more profound, more penetrating meaning. Her solution for disorder in this world brimming with quasi solutions alone lays the finger on the problem of evil. And the world sees it not, for it hears Her not.

Just as the Church has Her purpose in prescribing penances, so must we have our purpose in doing penance. Ours should be directed to an end. Would it not be a noble, heroic act for us, who still are privileged to be in college, to offer our little sacrifices for the spiritual and physical well-being of our alumni in the service. If we were told that if we perform a certain act, a certain friend of ours would come back home safely and soundly, would we not jump at the chance to perform it? Perhaps a seemingly small act of penance offered with the right intention, will be such a guarantee. The mere thought is worth the intention. The intention may be worth a life.

**AMERICA'S HOPES** are being nursed with idealistic post-war plans. Yet, if America is to live, Americans will have to be able to judge these plans objectively.

Since the outbreak of the war, propagandists have been feeding us the idea of freedom. As yet, we know not what they mean by their concept, freedom. If their conception of freedom does not meet the Christian, moral conception, we will have fought for a false ideal. We will have reaped the harvest of a field sown with weeds.

The Christian conception of freedom means not doing what I can do, nor what I must do; rather, it means doing what I ought to do. In the latter sense only does it imply moral responsibility. In this light must we judge our post-war proposals for freedom.

# BOOKS ARE WEAPONS

In classroom work, in social, historical, scientific, literary, philosophical or religious fields, we often hear of the "classics." A classic has been defined as a work that will be contemporary in any age. During our formal education we become somewhat familiar with the "Great Books," as the classics are sometimes called, but how many of us really form a list of those books which we ought to read? And if we do form a list, how many of those books do we actually read? If we could bring a systematic order into our daily lives and so arrange our "off" moments as to have a "classic" always on the reading stand, our excursions into the realm of the classics would become a life travel; for it is only reasonable to suppose that a taste for the classics will carry on after college days.

The Greek tragedians, the Roman writers, St. Augustine (especially the new translation of the Confessions of St. Augustine by F. J. Sheed), Dante, Chaucer, Cervantes, Shakespeare, Thackeray, Dickens, Newman, Adams, Melville, Twain, Hawthorne—there are so many and such varied works that no one should turn away through lack of interest. For a more complete list of classics, see Mortimer Adler's "How To Read A Book" or Alan Brown's "Classics of the Western World."

Let's not be Prodigal Sons wasting our literary inheritance to feed upon the husks of cheap reading.

## SELECTED EDITORIAL

If you would possess all wisdom, you must first possess all humility. If you would willingly be humble, you must pray with a burning faith.

Where to seek wisdom? Where to find humility? Where make your will one with God's in an act of sublime yet simple faith? Where else but before the tabernacle of the Most High, before the tiny abode of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thomas, the Angelic Doctor, the human man of divine wisdom, sought his knowledge through prayer. So great was his faith that he was at times raised from the floor in his ecstasy. During the night he often called Brother Reginald, his companion and secretary, to take dictation from his inspired tongue. One night, Reginald was suddenly awakened by loud arguing voices in Thomas' room. Wonderingly the Brother approached the door. Thomas already was experiencing communion with the Saints; later, he told the holy secret to Reginald; he had been visited by Saints Peter and Paul, who explained a passage from Isaiah to him.

Pius XI said of him: "By his example he teaches us how we should enter into our studies and at the same time he gives us the firm unshaken principles that should govern them all."

The "Journey of the mind and heart to God" will have its true courses set when we who seek wisdom put our hand into the hand of St. Thomas and pray with him to God.

"O Thou Who makest eloquent the tongues of little ones, instruct my tongue, and pour upon my lips the grace of Thy blessing. Give me keenness of comprehension, ability to retain, method and ease in acquiring; precision in interpreting, plentiful grace in speaking. Inspire my going in; guide my steps when I walk; and my going out do Thou make perfect. Thou Who art at once God and Man, and Who reignest for ever and ever. Amen."

(Interlude)

## CAMPUS CAPERS

In Memoriam: Two fingers at five feet. Doc Robert Stineman, R.I.P. . . . Chet Scrabacz got up the other morning and yawned, "I slept like a rock last night" . . . Then there are the two Jews of Malta who get together on Saturday nights to drink Malta (milk shakes). . . . Or have we got our SIGNS mixed. . . . Wolford and Serewicz have settled that Polish boundary dispute about eleven times already this semester. Joe claims he could clean up Poland with 7000 men and seven whatchamacallits in seven days. By the way, if Poland doesn't lose that dog soon, a few of the Lower Seifert Germans are going to get in this war too. . . . Right, Steckalite? . . . Lenzen has taken over the Callahan embalming bizzness now. . . . His offer: Limited supply of \$110 funerals left. Hurry, Hurry Hurry. . . . Cub Capers. . . . and Bro. Louie says, "The added attraction at the tourney was. . . hmmm." . . . Jim Frommeyer insists he interviewed two DeMettes on campus last Wed. Are you sure, Jim? Or were you in English class again? . . . We often wonder where BOB Eder picks up those basketball facial expressions. Nevercantell, though, can you? . . . Those two roses of St. Joe, McDevitt and Bolka, bloomed once more. . . . A swell job of acting natural in "Sittin' Pretty," fellows. Those are the kind of words Mac uses in his STUFF stories, too. . . . Their acting was thorny. . . . Famous last words: There are twenty good drags on that cigarette butt. (Bill Sprester). . . . We all shake, Clemens! (Redden). . . . Now I wouldn't say that (DeMere). . . . How do you like that point for an argument? (Eder). . . . Was Jerry Beck really laughing at the romantic play in English recently, or was he dreaming out loud again? At least he kept the other frosh awake. . . . The students sang happy Barryday in the refectory recently. Eighteen on the nose for Steve.

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# WITH OUR ALUMNI

As March blew in, many of our uniformed alumni went on the march to new locations. A large group from the V-12 schools at Notre Dame and John Carroll received new orders. From Notre Dame to the Midshipman School at Columbia U., N.Y., on March 6, went John Dunn, Hugh Davey, III, and Paul Brunton. George Elspersmann and Bill Daily are at Ashbury, N. J., awaiting openings in Midshipman schools. We received word that the Wetzel twins, John and Tom, who have been together at John Carroll in V-12, are now separated. John entered Midshipman School at Plattsburg, N. Y. Tom is at Ashbury, N. J. . . .

The government's decision to abandon ASTP hit one St. Joe boy for sure. He is John McCabe. Until his unit was broken up, he was studying engineering at Fordham, U. . . . Sgt. Bill Dawson, now in England, wants to correspond with his buddies of the freshman class of '41. the address is APO 635, c/o Postmaster, N. Y. C. . . . By the way, alumni, should you want anyone's address, drop us a card. We'll try to help you. . . . Also, again we urge you to write to us. . . . John Walker, frosh this year and one of the Lagootee Walkers, is at Great Lakes. . . . John Terveer, (army) and Kay Kennedy, (navy) are pursuing medical studies at

Marquette. At Loyola U., Chicago, are Walt Corvington (navy, pre-dental) and Ray Schraff (civilian med student). . . . Of the nineteen grads of last spring, eight—Hoffman, Causland, Keehner, Lapsys, Ritter, Murphy, Reinman, and Varini—are Ensigns in the navy; one, Vanderkolk, is a Lieut. in the Marines; four—Boyle, Hyland, Le-wandowski, and Yugovich—have navy ratings and four—Mainzer Smith, Husted and Waznis—are in the army. A good record for St. Joe, isn't it? . . . A letter from Bill Keogh's aunt informs us that Bill is now Ven. Fr. Simeon Keogh, O.F.M. Cap. . . . Unable to write letters while in his novitiate, Bill can receive, and would appreciate hearing from his St. Joe friends. The address is St. Felix Monastery, Huntington, Ind. . . . Beginning another semester at the Notre Dame V-12 school are Fred Beckman, Marvin Huber, Norman Hemmel-garn, Tom Scheiber. Joe Walker is a civilian student there. . . . Way up in Iceland living in an igloo and liking it fine is Pvt. Jack Haley. . . . Paul Bower is in another sem at John Carroll, V-12. . . . Visitors on the campus recently were Ensigns Bernie Hoffman, and Jim Bogan, V-12 students Fred Beckman, Paul Bower, and Paul Brunton. . . . Pvt. Fred Berghoff has been transferred from Keesler Field, Miss., to Nashville, Tenn.

## Collegeville News Briefs

To visit his ailing father, the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., Dean of Studies, traveled to Nebraska City, Nebraska, over the week of Feb. 20. Father Lucks requests prayers for his father, past eighty years in age, who has suffered several strokes.

Starting the day with the dialogue Mass, the D.M.U. met Sunday, March 12, for its regular monthly meeting. Among the topics discussed were the drive for old clothes and a report on the work of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade.

Guest speaker of the day was the Rev. Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., who spoke of the activities of the Gaspar Mission Unit at St. Charles Seminary.

The Army-Navy college qualifying tests were given by the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., principal of the academy, on March 15, to all high school and college students interested. Father had ordered twenty tests.

From the Office of the Dean of Studies and Registrar comes the announcement that students will be greeted with mid-semester grades upon arrival home for the Easter vacation.

The time for the tests has been left to the professor's convenience.

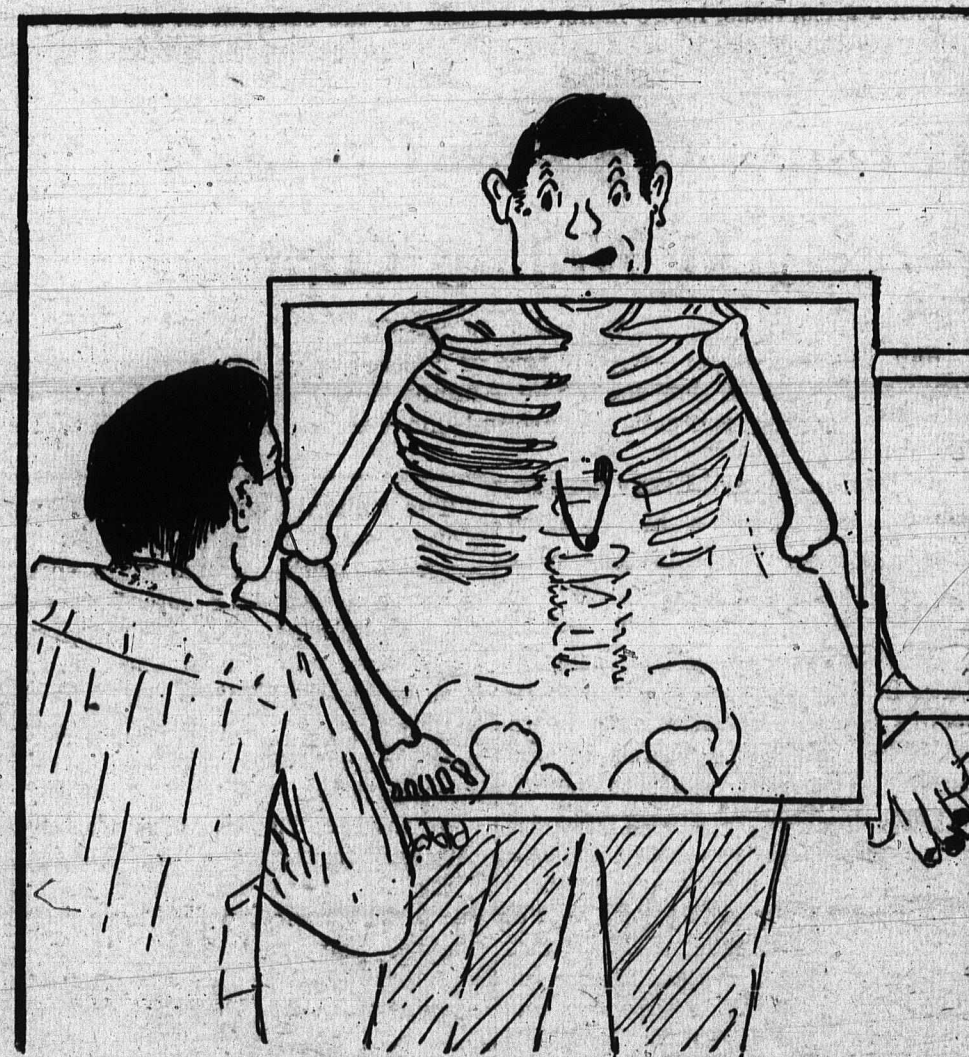
Following an outline sent out by His Excellency, John Francis Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, the Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., prefect of the academy, has inaugurated a series of Lenten sermons, given each Wednesday night, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Goodland, Ind., of which the Rev. Ambrose Kohne is pastor.

A talk on the value of photography in science was given to the faculty of Central Catholic High School, Ft. Wayne, Ind., by the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., Biology professor at St. Joseph's, on Feb. 20.

Father Baechle used his photographic equipment for demonstration during the lecture, which was given to arouse interest in photographing biological specimens.

Mr. Salvatore Squiquero, C.P.P.S., on the campus the past several months, has been checking and repairing all furniture in Gaspar, Noll, West Seifert, and Drexel Halls in preparation for post-war.

## COLLEGE DAZE



How much to just close the pin?



# Cubs Try Out For Baseball Monday

## Academy Cubs End Basketball Season At Sectional Meet

St. Joseph's Academy 1943-44 basketball season came to a close at the Indiana Sectional Tourney at Morocco, Ind., on Feb. 23 as the little Brook once again boomed over the Cubs, this time by a 46-23 margin. Brook had previously beaten the Cubs 68-21. Steve Nyikos led the attack with five long shots.

After a noisy pep rally in the small gym (led by cheer leader Rusty Scheidler), the entire student body attended the game. The Rev. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., principal of the Academy, the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., athletic director, Coach Dick Scharf, and captain Dave Clemens gave short talks at the rally.

## Basketball Totals

VARSITY			
Players	FG.	F.T.	TOT.
Steffes	38	12	88
Eder	36	18	85
Sprester	32	14	78
Dobe	31	10	72
Nyikos	22	6	50
Clemens	15	4	34
Serewicz	11	4	26
Herman	7	6	20
Fecher	6	0	12
J. Hummel	5	0	10
J. Thieme	2	1	5

B TEAM			
Players	FG.	F.T.	TOT.
J. Hummel	44	10	98
Nyikos	11	13	35
Fecher	14	6	34
Thieme	14	5	33
Serewicz	14	1	29
Hummel	11	6	28
Ritter	8	9	25
Bush	8	2	18
Herman	6	1	13
Jim Thieme	3	7	13
Hess	2	0	4
Doran	1	1	3
Hardy	0	1	1

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## Xavier Hall All-Stars Win College I-M Basketball Crown

College intramural basketball activity came to a successful completion March 7 when the Xavier all-stars scored an impressive victory over the Seifert all-stars, 39-23, for possession of the rotating hall trophy.

## ACADEMY I-M TOURNAMENT OVER

"Doran Did It." This tells the story of the close, hard-fought, 27-25 victory Bob Eder's intramural team edged out over Steffes for the championship game of the academy, school-wide basketball tournament held over the week of March 6. Eight teams competed in the tournament for the possession of miniature basketballs and cash awards, given to the winning team players. Bob Doran, with nine points, made the deciding basket.

The scores are as follows: Clemens 33, Nolan 14; Steffes 33, Serewicz 34; Eder 33, Sprester 19; DeMere 38, Hermann 25; Eder 40, Clemens 27; Steffes 33, DeMere 25; Eder 27, Steffes 25 (final).

Doc Sprester's team beat Hart 22-17, Saturday evening, March 4, to win the Academy intramural basketball tourney, held between the five I-M teams. The tourney was run off at the end of the fifth round.

High-point man with sixty-nine points for round five of the league was Sprester, followed by J. DeMere with forty-three.

The standings and total points are as follows:

Captain	W	L	T	TP
Hartlage	3	0	1	103
Sprester	2	2	0	108
DeMere	2	2	0	91
Clemens	1	2	1	62
Nolan	1	3	0	88

## Physical Training Students Tested

Tests in pull ups, push ups, half lever, dips, bar vaulting, etc., were given by Coach Dick Scharf to the college physical training students during the first two weeks of March.

Students will be graded according to standards, which vary according to the student's weight and size, set down for college students.

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The two Xavier league captains, Ambrose Ruschau and Dick Kissner, joined hands to lead the Xavierites in the win, while Jim Dobe was high-point man for Seifert.

The game climaxed the season's activity, which was under the able guidance of the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., athletic director, assisted by Stan Wisniewski.

Xavier	G	F	T	Seifert	G	F	T
Ruschau	8	1	1	Kuh'da	2	0	4
Kissner	6	1	1	Dobe	4	0	8
Brung'dt	0	0	0	Knapke	3	1	7
Chr's'n'k	0	1	1	W's'n'ski	1	0	2
Whaley	1	0	2	Wolf'd	1	0	2
Shields	0	0	0	Lenzen	0	0	0
Hinders	3	0	6	Poage	0	0	0
Totals	18	3	39	Totals	11	1	23

Captain Dick Kissner turned his boys loose for the championship game of the college I-M playoff tourney Friday, March 3, against Stan Wisniewski's lower Seifert team, and when the net had cooled off, Kissner had an impressive 66-25 victory under his arm. The Xavier boys were too good, despite Seifert's valiant efforts to stem the tide.

Kissner had beaten Ruschau's team 20-19 to earn the right to play in the championship game, while Lower Seifert had beaten Upper Seifert 35-30.

Kissner	G	F	T	Ruschau	G	F	T
Chr's'n'k	0	1	1	R'sch'u	5	1	11
Hinders	2	0	4	Hun't'd	0	0	0
Kissner	3	1	7	McN'h's	0	1	1
Brung'dt	2	0	4	Whaley	2	0	4
Hoying	0	0	0	Klein	0	0	0
Kalm'n'k	1	0	2	Shields	1	0	0
Nagele	1	0	2	Girt	0	1	1
Totals	9	2	20	Totals	8	3	19

Up Seif.	G	F	T	Low. Seif.	G	F	T
Lenzen	1	0	2	Knapke	5	0	10
Giese	4	0	8	Krol	6	1	13
Wis'n'ski	7	0	14	Farrell	1	1	3
Kuh'da	1	1	3	Poage	1	0	2
St'ch'lte	2	0	4	Wolford	1	0	2
Milford	2	0	4	Backs	0	0	0
Pukelis	0	0	0	Squi'r'o	0	0	0
Totals	17	1	35	Totals	14	2	30

Low. Seif.	G	F	T	Kis'n'r	G	F	T
Giese	1	0	2	Chros'k	2	1	5
Lenzen	1	0	2	Hinders	5	0	10
Wis'n'ski	6	0	12	Kis'n'r	7	0	14
Kuhajda	2	1	5	Br'n'gdt	5	0	10
Steck's'lte	0	0	0	Kam'n'k	2	0	4
Milford	1	0	2	Hoying	7	1	15
Pukelis	1	0	2	Nagele	4	0	8
Totals	12	1	25	Totals	32	2	66

## Rensselaer Cheers

When the Academy Cubs were trying their hardest to stop the overflowing Brook in the sectional basketball tourney at Morocco, they received not only the support of the entire student body, but also from a large delegation of the Rensselaer high school fans. The spirit shown by the local fans was appreciated.

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## Seven Vets Form Nucleus Of Nine; Tryouts Urged

Though baseball bats cracked already on March 1, the official ushering of America's favorite sport into St. Joseph's began Monday, March 13, when Coach Dick Scharf's Academy Cubs turned out for spring tryouts.

Though there were seven veterans returning from last year, the prospects at present aren't too bright, according to Coach Scharf.

Only two of the vets — Dick Hermann, second base, and Clarence Steffes, short stop — played much last year. Bob Eder, catcher; Tony Seremicz, first base; Con Fecher, third base and John Hummel and Frank Ritter, pitchers, are the other returning players.

The outfield situation is critical, with little hopes for improvement in the immediate present. Practice may uncover some possibilities, however.

A tentative six-game schedule, with hopes for eight games, is in mind now; however it is dependent on whether the prospective opponents have teams this year, or not. Oxford, Lafayette, and C.C. of Hammond at present are on the list.

The season's games will probably begin after Easter, with two being played a week.

Our versatile coach, Dick Scharf, laid aside his coach's whistle and stop watch to put on make-up grease awhile back, as he carried a part in the first production of the Rensselaer Little Theatre Guild, "Ring Around Elizabeth," a comedy in three acts.

Over seven hundred patrons attended the performance, which found Dick, between the second and third acts, giving a short talk as he presented a bouquet of flowers from the cast to the director, Miss Ann Pierce.

## Coach Dick Turns Thespian; In Play

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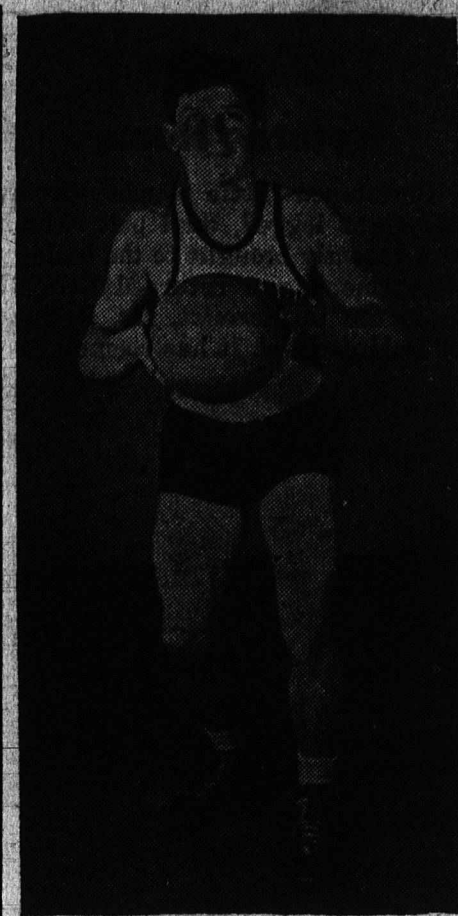
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Above is Bernie Hoffman, now a Naval Ensign, who scored 955 points in basketball while at St. Joe. Bernie visited the campus recently before going on active duty in an LST boat.

## Coach Scharf Passes Physical

To take his army physical Coach Dick Scharf went to Indianapolis Friday, March 10. Dick chose the navy.

## Frs. Hiller, Gross Assist At Parish

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hiller, C.P.P.S., and the Rev. Raphael Gross, C.P.P.S., have been taking care of a Catholic settlement of nearly forty families at Kingston (outside of LaPorte, Ind.) over the week ends, recently. Because his assistant now is in the Chaplain corps, the LaPorte pastor has been unable to administer to the group.

## Scharf's Home

Coach Dick Scharf's family returned home to Rensselaer from Mrs. Scharf's family home in Hammond, Sunday, March 12. Mrs. Scharf and the children had been staying there during the recent birth of Dick's youngest daughter, Maureen Kathryn.

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## Lambzy-Divey Returns Home

Christened little lambzy-divey, the eight legged, dual pelt, which was recently brought to the biology department, was returned Feb. 27 from the taxidermist, Mr. Recker, of DeMotte, Ind. It has been on display in the Dwenger Mission Shop show window.



Father Baechle remarked that because of the irregularity of the skeleton structure it would be impossible to assemble the remaining bones.

## Negro Controversy Under Discussion Of Mission Unit

To study the history of the negro and also present-day problems concerning him, the Dwenger Mission Unit has formed a discussion club which is now holding weekly meetings on Thursday evenings in Science Hall. The discussions are open for general attendance.

A talk on some phase of the subject is given at each meeting, after which a general discussion is held. The Rev. Edward Maziarz, C.P.P.S., moderator, presides over the meetings.

"The History of the Negro Before Coming to America" was the subject discussed at the opening meeting, March 2.

## Science Club Carries On

Thomas Burger and Alton Backs, two remaining members of the Albertus Magnus Society, met with the Rev. Albert Wuest, C.P.P.S., moderator, March 6, for an informal discussion of the progress being made in the Science Club Survey study the two members are now making.

Results are coming in from the form letter which was sent to various small colleges, requesting information on their science organizations. These results will be filed for later use by the society in the betterment of the organization.

The club keys have arrived. Six students—Tom Burger (here), Don Leavitt, Robert Stineman, Ken Staigler, Jack Carron, and Al Prosser—will receive keys.

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## Lively Discussions Flavor Recent Curtain Club Meets

A Shakespeare study club and a backstage technique study club grew out of a lively Curtain Club meeting Feb. 27, as the newly elected officers gave their inaugural talks and outlined the activities for the coming meetings.

Twenty speeches, "spiced with sarcasm, irony and a sprinkling of Logic," marked the formation of the Shakespeare club, which will be made up of nine members. Fourteen members were interested in backstage technique.

President Richard Kissner and the Rev. Paul Speckbaugh, C.P.P.S., moderator, presided over the meeting.

A debate on whether the Curtain Club members should pay dues between John Hinders and Neal Ott, affirmative, and James Grothjan and Marcel Oser, negative, featured a meeting of the club held Sunday, March 5.

## Glee Club Plans

A performance in the near future in the Academy clubroom is being planned by the newly organized academy glee club, which is under the direction of the Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S. Plans were discussed at the last meeting on Feb. 27.

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## Banding Records Up After Recent Catch

Bird banding records soared to the sky March 1 here at the college banding station, as the previous record of birds caught in one day was nearly doubled by two of Father John Baechle's assistants, Lester Fulenkamp and Leo Herber, who bagged 146 starlings in thirty minutes.

On their regular rounds searching for birds, the two banders happened to look into one of the silos where an apparent blackout turned out to be not so much night as starlings. The boys waded in with nets (which soon clogged up with birds), but tossed them aside for a hand-to-hand battle soon. The result was six and seven birds at a grasp and extra hours of banding work for Father Baechle.

## Lenten Service

A shortened form of the Way of the Cross is being recited before Friday evening Benediction during the Lenten season. Under the auspices of the Dwenger Mission Unit, the Rev. Edward Maziarz, C.P.P.S., moderator, is conducting the service.

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## Student Loan Fund Set Up At College

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March 26-27-28

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March 26-27-28

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